World Heritage Centres in Uttar Pradesh

1528. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of World Heritage Centres in the country and most particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are actively considering for further development of such centres;

(c) if so,the details thereof and financial assistance released so far particularly for Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the facilities expected to be increased for the tourists at such centres?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There are 26 World Heritage sites in the country, out of which 18 sites under cultural category are under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India. In Uttar Pradesh, three sites i.e. Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri have been inscribed on the World Heritage list.

The State-wise details of World Heritage sites is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) All efforts are being made by the Archaeological Survey of India to conserve and preserve the World Heritage sites in the best possible manner and to upgrade their environment.

The expenditure incurred during the last three years on conservation of World. Heritage monuments in Uttar Pradesh is given in the Statement-ll *(See* below).

(d) Provision of tourist facilities like toilets, drinking water, souvenir shops, sale counter, wheel chairs, ramps etc. at all World Heritage Sites is a matter of high priority.

These facilities are provided at the three World Heritage sites of Uttar Pradesh at Agra and Fathepur Sikri. Archaeological Survey of India has developed a facilitation centre for tourists in the eastern courtyard of Taj Mahal. There is a proposal to develop a similar centre at the western courtyard also.

Statement-I

List of Cultural and Natural Sites from India inscribed on the World Heritage List

CULTURAL SITES

SI. No.	Name of Monuments/Sites	State
1.	Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya (2002)	Bihar
2.	Humayaun's Tomb (1993)	Delhi
3.	Qutab Minar Complex (1993)	Delhi
4.	Churches and Convents at Goa (1986)	Goa
5.	Champaner - Pavagarh Archaeological Park (2004)	Gujarat
6.	Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986)	Karnataka
7.	Group of Temple at Pattadakkal (1987)	Karnataka
8.	Group of Monuments, Khajuraho (1986)	Madhya Pradeh
9.	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989)	Madhya Pradesh
10.	Prehistoric Rockshelters of Bhimbetka (2003)	Madhya Pradesh
11.	Ajanta Caves (1993)	Maharashtra
12.	Ellora Caves (1993)	Maharashtra
13.	Elephanta Caves (1987)	Maharashtra
14.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) Mumbai (2004)	Maharashtra
15.	Sun Temple, Konark (1984)	Orissa
16.	Group of Monuments, Mahabalipuram (1984)	Tamil Nadu
17.	Great Living Chola Tamples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram (1987 and 2004)	Tamil Nadu
18.	Agra Fort (1983)	Uttar Pradesh
19.	Taj Mahal (1983)	Uttar Pradesh

SI. No.	Name of Monuments/Sites	State
20	Fatehpur Sikri (1986)	Uttar Pradesh
21	Mountain Railways of India (1999 and 2005)	West Bengal and Tamil Nadu
NATURAL SITES		
1.	Kaziranga National Park (1985)	Assam
2.	Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (1985)	Assam
3.	Keoladeo National Park (1985)	Rajasthan
4.	Sunderban National Park (1987)	West Bengal
5.	Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks (1988,2005)	Uttaranchal

Statement-ll

Expenditure incurred on the World Heritage Monuments located in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years

SI. No.	Name of World Heritage sites	Expenditure for the year 2003-2004	Expenditure for the year 2004-2005	Expenditure for the year 2005-2006	Total Expenditure
1.	Taj Mahal	6504755	10981929	15405375	32892059
2.	Agra Fort	9393357	18631010	18533316	46557683
3.	Fatehpur Sikri	4874726	12211578	11272227	28358531
	TOTAL	20772838	41824517	45210918	107808273

Removal of foreigners statues

1529. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the statues of the foreigners have been removed in all the States of the country as on 30th June, 2006;